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Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 57 (see A/60/493, para. 2). Sub-item (a) was considered at the 33rd and 35th meetings on 2 and 9 December 2005. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is given in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/60/SR.33 and 35).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.2/60/L.30

2. At its 33rd meeting, on 2 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system" (A/C.2/60/L.30), submitted by Jamaica on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

3. At its 35th meeting, on 9 December, the Committee was informed that the draft decision had no programme budget implications.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee was also informed that a recorded vote had been requested on the draft decision.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/60/L.30 by a recorded vote of 157 to 1 (see para. 7). The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain,

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Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

United States of America.

Abstaining:

None.

6. After the adoption of the draft decision, a statement in explanation of vote was made after the vote by the representative of the United States of America (see A/C.2/60/SR.35).

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

The General Assembly:

(a) Recalls its resolution 59/250 of 22 December 2004, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 2005/7 of 20 July 2005 and other relevant resolutions;

(b) Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development of the United Nations

system for 2003[1] and on funding options and modalities for financing operational activities for development of the United Nations system,[2] and decides to request the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2006 to further consider the above-mentioned reports in conjunction with paragraph 102 of General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the evaluation of the full implementation of that resolution;

(c) Also takes note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on some measures to improve overall performance of the United Nations system at the country level,[3] the related note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on that report[4] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.[5]

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[1] A/60/74-E/2005/57.

[2] A/60/83-E/2005/72.

[3] A/60/125 and Add.1-E/2005/85 and Add.1.

[4] A/60/125/Add.2-E/2005/85/Add.2.

[5] A/60/274.